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11. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED RECENT REPORTING ON THE UPCOMING ALGERIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. WITH THE APPROACH OF THE ELECTION, POLICYMAKERS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS IN NORTH AFRICA, AND REPORTING ON ELECTION ISSUES WILL BE USED IN WRITTEN PRODUCTION. ANALYSTS FOUND REPORTING ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CANDIDATES, ELECTION RULES, AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION TO BE VERY USEFUL AND WOULD VALUE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, POST'S TIME AND RESOURCES PERMITTING, ON THESE TOPICS. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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